

19 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term.

Year 11

We are now only 12 school days from the start of the formal exam series on 9 May but there are several practical exams before that and moderation in PE. It was great to see 116 students attend some of the revision sessions over Easter and I hope all our Year 11 are taking revision seriously – there is no success without hard work. Exam results will not be good by magic! We will send out a timetable for each student that covers the period from 8 May onwards indicating when they have exams and revision classes as well as normal classes. All Year 11 remain full time students in school well into the exam period and we will inform you directly of any times Year 11 are not expected in school.

To support Year 11 there are various mental health resources and one is provided by Kooth. I have attached these to this newsletter.

NCS

NCS is a Government funded opportunity for Year 11 to develop skills and have new experiences including in a residential setting. There is a letter attached outlining this more and I really encourage students to look at this opportunity seriously as they really will benefit from it. They have had an assembly from NCS this week.

New menus

Lancashire County Council's catering service provide our school meals and they have published their summer menus. I will send this home in a separate broadcast.

Celebration Assemblies

Next week will see Celebration Assemblies for Years 7-10 recognising the achievements of so many students who have achieved high number of CARR points, great attendance and grade 5's in lessons. Thank you to Mr Long for co-ordinating all this.

Attendance

Attendance remains a focus in school and I really ask that if attendance of your son/daughter is not where it should be that there is a real effort towards full attendance in the summer term. We finished at Easter with the following attendance so far this year:

	28.3.24	
Year 7	93.5%	This means that Years 8-11 are below the current national average.
Year 8	90.6%	
Year 9	91.2%	
Year 10	89.3%	
Year 11	86.5%	

We will be sending out individual text messages with current attendance over the next few days.



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Events this term

Monday 22 April	5.00 p.m.	Dance and Drama BTEC Performance for Year 11
Monday 6 May		Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 8 May	2.30 – 6.00 p.m.	SEN Drop-In Clinic
Thursday 9 May		Start of Summer exam series for Year 11
Thursday 9 May	4.00 – 7.00 p.m.	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 May	9.30 a.m.	SHINE (Mental Health) Coffee Morning
Friday 24 May	3.15 p.m.	School closes for half term
Monday 3 June	8.50 a.m.	School re-opens after half term
Wednesday 5 June	3.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Pastoral Drop-In
		Year 10 Tower Wood Trip begins
Thursday 20 June		Year 10 exams begin
Wednesday 26 June		Year 11 Final assembly, breakfast and Prom in the evening
Wednesday 3 July		Sports Day
	2.30 – 6.00 p.m.	SEN Drop-In
Thursday 4 July		Year 6 Welcome Day
Friday 5 July		INSET Day – school closed to pupils
		Year 8 London Trip leaves
Tuesday 9 July	9.30 a.m.	SHINE Coffee Morning
	6.00 p.m.	Year 7 Celebration Evening
	7.15 p.m.	Year 8 Celebration Evening
		Performing Arts trip to London
Thursday 11 July		Sports Dinner
Tuesday 16 July	6.00 p.m.	Year 9 Celebration Evening
	7.15 p.m.	Year 10 Celebration Evening
Friday 19 July	1.30 p.m.	School finishes for Summer Holidays.

Congratulations

Finally, congratulations to Sophie who participated in the Manchester International Swimming competition in March. She won a bronze in 100m breaststroke and is on the qualifying list for the GB Championships in July.

Congratulations also to the winners of the reward points league table for this week.

	Week ending 19 April
Most 5's	Cienna Year 9
Highest points	Kabaenda Year 10
Commitment	Kabaenda Year 10
Aspiration	Zahra Year 7
Resilience	Amelia Year 9
Respect	Erin Year 7

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Waller
Headteacher